

MIAMI COUNTY SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
OCTOBER 18, 2011

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman McAuliffe announced he would not be at the November meeting because he will be on vacation and he will not be at the December meeting due to having surgery.

MINUTES

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the September minutes. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the August 9th (1st day of budget hearings) minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the August 10th (2nd day of budget hearings) minutes. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/TRANSFERS

None

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, informed the Council that she needs a couple of software updates and even though there was some confusion (her first request was to advertise for the November meeting and then the October meeting) and it did not get advertised for this meeting, she would like their approval to ask for an additional appropriation of \$4,024.53 out of her Reassessment Fund to purchase the needed software upgrades. It will be advertised for the November meeting. Councilman Wiles made a motion to support. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Councilman McAuliffe abstained).

Break

FINAL ADOPTION OF BUDGETS

Council President Ralph Duckwall went over the figures used to calculate the estimated budget amount after meeting with the Auditor and a representative of the DLGF, it is estimated that we would only be able to support a budget of \$8.9 million. The budgets are at \$9.4 million.

CLERK – CIRCUIT

01	148,054
02	0
03	11,550
04	0

TOTAL 159,604

Councilman Kendall made a statement about what is going on with the economy such as corporate greed and things going on at Wall Street. People are losing their jobs. He is opposed to any cuts and believes the Council should send the budget to the State as it is and let the State cut it. He also asked about using C.E.D.I.T. money and/or the Rainy Day Fund to balance the budget.

Councilwoman Mull reminded Councilman Kendall what the Council has already committed to with the C.E.D.I.T. dollars. Councilwoman Mull also went over that we are short every month on

the jail bond payment and will be even shorter next year because the distribution amount will be lower and we will have to pull that money from somewhere such as the rainy day.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve \$159,604 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Kendall).

Gary Hawley accused the County of misleading the public about the 1.2 million dollars held in the jail bond escrow. He stated the County could use that money any time times got tough and these are tough times. The Council President replied that the County was told that the 1.2 million was put in the trust to prevent any default on the bonds and could not be touched. Commissioner Boyer stated that was what he was told also but he would call Umbaugh & Associates and verify. Barry Rassi said he believes the County is working off of low estimates and the Council needs to optimistic and not pessimistic.

CLERK – SUPERIOR

01	119,430
02	0
03	0
04	0
TOTAL	119,430

Tawna Leffel, Clerk, objected because she said there is a serious problem with her budgets. It looks like 3 positions were cut instead of just one. Ms. Leffel accused the Council of making changes without her knowledge. President Duckwall said the Council didn't have time to fix it right then and she needs to get with the Auditor on Wednesday so we can figure out the problem and fix it.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve \$119,430 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 4-2-1 (McAuliffe abstained, Mull and Kendall vetoed).

CLERK – ELECTION

01	73,200
02	0
03	16,200
04	18,088
TOTAL	107,488

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$107,488 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Kendall vetoed).

CLERK – VOTER REGISTRATION

01	26,006
02	0
03	0
04	0
TOTAL	26,006

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$26,006 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-1 (Kendall vetoed).

AUDITOR

01	160,430
02	0
03	2,950
04	0
TOTAL	163,380

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$163,380 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Kendall abstained).

TREASURER

01 69,966
02 4,500
03 21,320
04 0

TOTAL 95,786

Treasurer Rebecca Morris presented some information about her office and asked the Council to reconsider taking one of her staff to part-time.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$95,786 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Kendall and McAuliffe vetoed).

RECORDER

01 63,966
02 0
03 0
04 0

TOTAL 63,966

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$63,966 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained).

SHERIFF

01 883,516
02 125,050
03 53,300
04 78,600

TOTAL 1,140,466

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$1,140,466 on final reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Kendall abstained).

Councilwoman Mull commended the Sheriff on his willingness to work with the Council and for the money he has saved the County so far this year.

JAIL

01 846,020
02 0
03 0
04 0

TOTAL 846,020

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$846,020 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Kendall and McAuliffe vetoed).

SURVEYOR

01 51,125
02 2,300
03 2,234
04 100

TOTAL 55,759

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$55,759 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Kendall vetoed and McAuliffe abstained).

Councilman McAuliffe asked Council President why money was left in supplies for the Surveyor and all other offices had their supplies cut. Commissioner Chairman Craig Boyer stated that there are some items that the BOC cannot cover.

DRAINAGE

01	6,250
02	0
03	400
04	0

TOTAL 6,650

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$6,650 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Kendall and McAuliffe vetoed).

EXTENSION

01	43,866
02	6,250
03	52,830
04	0

TOTAL 102,946

Gary Horner reminded the Council of the cuts his department has made in an effort to save the County money. He also explained the programs that would need to be cut if they cut one of the contract positions.

Council President Duckwall said he values those programs but if we don't have the money, we don't have the money. If cuts have to be made, he would rather do it now so people have time to adjust instead of waiting till January.

Treasurer Becky Morris asked if we knew things were this bad why were the vacant positions allowed to be filled. President Duckwall said he is only one vote out of seven.

Councilman Kendall said they are valuable programs and he won't vote for any cuts.

President Duckwall asked Commissioner Chairman Boyer about the increase in medical insurance. Chairman Boyer stated that the County is self insured and the claims have increased tremendously. We could be over our estimations by \$500,000. Councilman McAuliffe stated he is sure the employees would be willing to contribute more for their insurance.

Pat Woods, Treasurer's Office stated she opposes cuts to the Treasurer's office because they are the tax collection office.

Councilman Donaldson made a motion to approve \$102,946 (without the 3rd contract person) on final reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it failed to pass 3-4 (Kendall, Hunt, Mull and McAuliffe vetoed).

Councilman Kendall made a motion to approve \$158,946 (with the 3rd contract person) on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (Duckwall, Wiles, and Donaldson vetoed).

SURVEYOR

01	43,866
02	6,250
03	108,830
04	0
Total	158,946

Councilman Hunt told Mr. Horner that he supports him now but if the County has to make additional cuts this year (2012) or there are cuts for next year (2013) he would have to consider the cuts recommended. Mr. Horner said he understood and thanked him for his support..

CORONER

01 65,000
02 364
03 0
04 0

TOTAL 65,364

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$65,364 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

ASSESSOR

01 63,966
02 3,000
03 3,300
04 0

TOTAL 70,266

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$70,266 on final reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained).

PROSECUTOR

01 72,872
02 0
03 0
04 0

TOTAL 72,872

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$72,872 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0 (Kendall out of the room)

PROSECUTOR – 4-D

01 147,074
02 3,000
03 5,000
04 0

TOTAL 155,074

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$155,074 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1 (Donaldson veto and Kendall out of the room)

CIRCUIT COURT

01 112,440
02 0
03 800
04 13,000

TOTAL 126,240

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$126,240 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 4-2 (Donaldson and McAuliffe vetoed and Kendall out of the room)

SUPERIOR COURT I

01 107,436
02 0
03 11,400
04 10,000

TOTAL 128,836

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$128,836 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 4-2 (Donaldson and McAuliffe vetoed and Kendall out of the room)

PROBATION

01 219,474
02 500

03 4,175
04 600

TOTAL 224,749

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$224,749 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Kendall vetoed)

COURTHOUSE

01 71,598
02 0
03 320,000
04 0

TOTAL 391,598

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$391,598 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-1 (Kendall vetoed)

PLANNING AND ZONING

01 68,507
02 0
03 28,700
04 0

Total 97,207

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$97,207 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Kendall vetoed)

VETERAN'S OFFICE

01 50,366
02 1,600
03 2,300
04 0

Total 54,266

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$54,266 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Mull vetoed)

MUSEUM

01 53,434
02 2,296
03 31,630
04 0

Total 87,360

The amount in 01 is the amount with the reduction of a staff person. No motion was made to accept the amount on final reading.

Attorney Tim Spahr objected to the cutting of a staff person. He asked where and how that decision was made. For 20 years the Museum has had 3 people and they cannot run it with less.

Barry Rassi said that our Museum was unique as it is the largest in the State and had the largest exhibits. There was an agreement back in 1985 that the County would fund the positions at the Museum. There is a lot of work to do especially sine the Historical Society bought the Fincher building for storage. Losing the archivist would be devastating for the Museum.

President Duckwall understands the situation but also acknowledges the expenses associated with it.

MUSEUM

01 76,699
02 2,296

03	31,630
04	0
Total	110,625

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve \$110,625 on final reading. Councilman Kendall 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (Donaldson, Wiles, and Duckwall vetoed)

EMA

01	56,079
02	2,025
03	21,950
04	14,500
Total	94,554

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$94,554 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Kendall abstained)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

01	11,232
02	495
03	2,955
04	0
Total	14,682

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$14,682 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SOIL AND WATER

01	41,006
02	3,000
03	4,650
04	0
Total	48,656

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$48,656 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

COMMISSIONERS

01	2,594,966
02	75,000
03	1,175,450
04	174,000
Total	4,019,416

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$4,019,416 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe and Kendall vetoed)

Councilman McAuliffe asked why the Commissioners would move supplies to their budget but allow some budgets to keep some money for supplies, was it that they felt some office holders couldn't handle it. Councilman McAuliffe believes the Commissioners should give the supplies back to the office holders and get rid of the phone/central supply person.

Melanie Eckelbarger, Treasurer's office, asked why they would get rid of someone with 8 years seniority and keep someone with less than a year.

COUNCIL

01	49,500
02	0
03	4,650
04	0
Total	54,150

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$54,150 on final reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Hunt and Kendall vetoed)

Pat Woods, Treasurer's Office asked what percent of an increase did the Council have in their budget and what was it for.

CASA

01	61,219
02	0
03	1,000
04	0
Total	62,219

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$62,219 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-1 (Kendall vetoed)

PUBLIC DEFENDER

01	381,872
02	0
03	0
04	0
Total	381,872

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$381,872 on final reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 6-1 (Kendall vetoed)

SUPERIOR COURT II

01	81,992
02	0
03	13,100
04	10,000
Total	105,092

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve \$105,092 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Donaldson vetoed and Kendall abstained)

HIGHWAY PHASE 1

01	109,387
02	650
03	8,050
04	0
Total	118,087

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$118,087 on final reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Kendall vetoed and Hunt abstained)

HIGHWAY PHASE II

01	823,450
02	379,000
03	8,000
04	0
Total	1,210,450

Councilman Donaldson made a motion to approve \$1,210,450 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Kendall vetoed and Hunt abstained)

Councilwoman Mull Thanked Mr. Waltz for not replacing some employees that have left and the money that he has saved the County.

HIGHWAY PHASE III

01	87,500
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02	462,500
03	148,000
04	75,000
Total	773,000

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$773,000 on final reading. Councilman Donaldson 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Kendall vetoed and Hunt abstained)

CUM BRIDGE

01	248,936
02	87,000
03	435,750
04	10,000
Total	781,686

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve \$781,686 on final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-0-2 (Kendall and Hunt abstained)

Councilman Wiles made a motion to accept the following budgets at the amounts listed for final reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Kendall vetoed and Hunt abstained)

LRS	330,000
PLAT BOOK	15,000
HEALTH	160,617
HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL	70,522
HEALTH GRANT	28,000
CUM COURTHOUSE	372,000
REASSESSMENT	339,623
ADMIN FEE	19,503
DRUG & ALCOHOL	65,339
DRUG FREE COMMUNITY	40,000
DEFERRAL	162,056
JUVENILE PROBATION	19,503
COMMUNITY CORRECTION TRANSITION	19,880
COMMUNITY CORRECTION GRANT	154,480
COMMUNITY CORR PROJECT INCOME	242,538
ADULT PROBATION	177,849
VICTIM ADVOCATE	33,175
PUBLIC SAFETY	771,849
COUNTY CORRECTION GRANT	24,500
SOIL & WATER GRANT	15,000
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN COMMITTEE	18,000
PUBLIC DEFENDER SUPPLEMENTAL	74,500
C.E.D.I.T.	1,035,376
CLERK PERPETUATION	9,000
9-1-1 (LANDLINE)	240,120
9-1-1 (Wireless)	168,500
9-1-1 (local match)	174,266

Barry Rassi stated he appreciated the vote on the museum tonight. He stated that the new Curator was very good and deserved a raise. President Duckwall stated he hoped Mr. Rassi was joking about the raise and Mr. Rassi stated that he was not and the Historical Society will make sure she gets one.

REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Lilley
Miami County Auditor